

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Palm Sunday

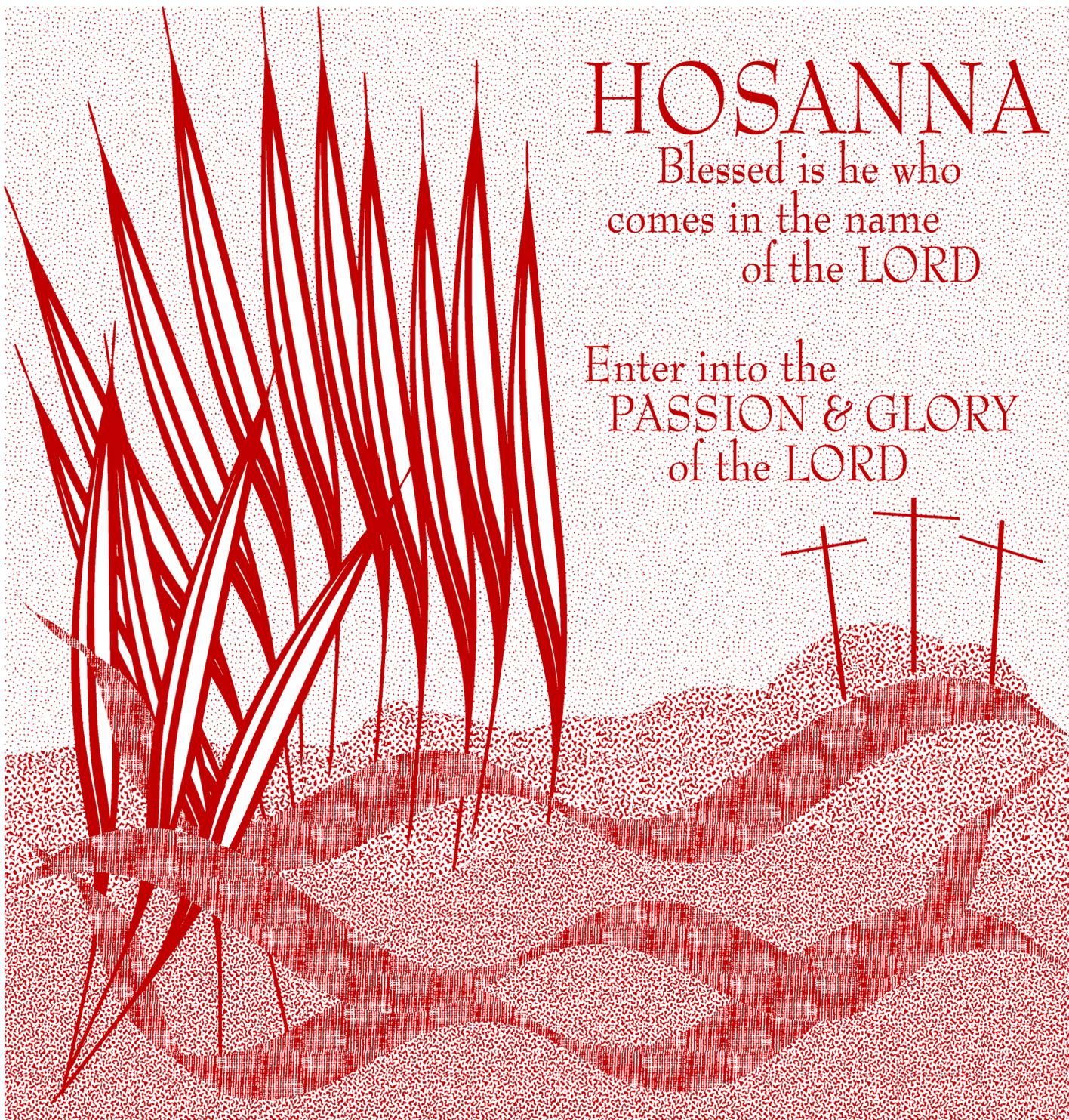
April 5, 2020



HOSANNA

Blessed is he who
comes in the name
of the LORD

Enter into the
PASSION & GLORY
of the LORD



Holy Week

Monday, April 6

Tuesday, April 7

Wednesday, April 8

Thursday, April 9
Holy Thursday

Friday, April 10
Good Friday

Saturday, April 11
Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 12
Easter Sunday

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Community,

We welcome you to Sunday Mass at St. Francis Xavier. Beginning last weekend, a pre-recorded Sunday Mass was posted and will continue to be posted on the parish website (www.sfxlg.org), and on Facebook and Instagram. We encourage you to worship with others at the time you usually attend Mass on weekends. In addition to this link, we are providing words to the hymns being sung. Be daring and join the virtual choir that will be singing with you throughout the LaGrange area. Let us hold one another in communion.

And please send your feedback to wtkachuk@sfxlg.org. Your feedback will help us make adjustments in the weeks to come.

Peace,
Fr. Bill Tkachuk

Please Pray For...

Sue Beyer
Jack Boyd
Jay Carroll
Chili Challenger
Americo DiGianfillippo
Anthony Dina
Blake Donegan
Lily Fielding
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick
Lilli Gregory
Wilson Gregory
Brian Hahn
Patricia Hassler
Bill Hession
Linda Hillsman
Rose Ilo
Mary J.
Jane Jacobsen
Michael Janus
Theresa Kandall
Mark Kiley
Benny Kilman
Jerry Kolman
Lou Ellen Krueger
Margaret LaFrener

Patrick Morgan
Mike Morrison
Bernice Niemiec
Bert Ogilvie
Arnold Oppenheim
Jane O'Reilly
Shawna Palazzolo
Ryan Patyk
Donna Pekarek
Norma Pentracosta
James Pridmore
Madison Raupp
Anna Rose
Marilyn Rutkowski
Matthew Schiek
Larry Skippet
Greyson Stanley
Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Anne Titzer
Michael Ungari
Gregory Van Gorp
Carl Walsh
Marian Ward
Liz Wilk
Malcolm Young

Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died,
as well as their families:

William P. Sifferman
Father of Bill Sifferman

Frank Blazina

Eleuterio Salinas

Readings For The Week of April 5, 2020

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/

Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/

Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/

Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the collection provides humanitarian aid refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Pastor's Notes

*Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
remained sitting there, facing the tomb.*
Matthew 27:61

At the end of the Passion of Jesus as recounted by St. Matthew, most of the disciples are either hiding in fear or wandering dazed by the sudden and violent turn of events. I can imagine Mary, the mother of Jesus, at home, exhausted and traumatized, but not without hope. And then there are these other two Mary's, who have walked with Jesus from condemnation to execution and who now face the tomb that holds his dead body. They have not run from the confusion, the anguish, and the helplessness. They do not run from the silence of the tomb. They seem to confront all that they are feeling, companions to one another in their grief. And perhaps they wonder what will come next.

These women invite us to walk with them this week through the holiest mysteries of our faith. Jesus gives us his Body and Blood in the Eucharist and calls us to serve others as he came to serve us. Jesus gives us his earthly body and blood through the passion and suffering of his final hours and the ultimate surrender of his life on the Cross. Rather than skip ahead to Easter morning, are we willing to sit with the depth of God's love for us: the preciousness of the gift of the Eucharist that brings that love to us in physical form; and the willingness to suffer and die for us in order to restore the fullness of life that is God's desire for us? Will we sit

in stillness with these women and let God's love into our hearts?

I pray for all of you who struggle with difficult situations that add to the challenge of these days of quarantine; whether it be the death of a loved one, a critical illness, or a family crisis. I offer a special blessing to those of you who, like me, live alone and must rely on phone calls, texts and emails, and social media to connect with others. Perhaps we can sit with the two Mary's as we wait for the time when doors reopen to in-person contact. I encourage us all to think about those who are isolated in their homes or in care facilities. A phone call, video, or card might be especially welcome right now. I thank the children who delight us walkers with your cheerful chalk art on our sidewalks, and the many people who have made generous monetary donations and Monday morning food donations to help the hungry in our community through our Food Pantry.

The two Mary's did not know that the Cross was a Tree of Life that would break the bonds of death and prove death's tomb to be empty and powerless. Let us sit with them and allow their patient stillness to deepen our faith and hope in God's continual presence.

Have a Blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Bill

Reflection for Palm Sunday Liturgy Planning Team #4

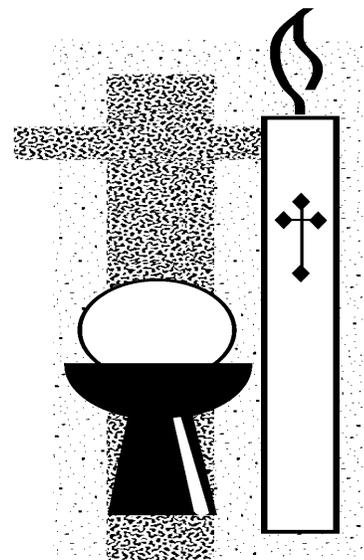
Shirley Augustyn, Sr. Marci Hermesdorf, Beth Olson and Diane Walsh

On his entrance into Jerusalem Jesus is greeted by an enthusiastic crowd waving palm branches and crying out "Hosanna." They want to crown him king. A few days later the same people, now an unruly mob, shout "Crucify Him."

Jesus experiences betrayal, suffering, and eventual death. Through it all he remains faithful to his ministry and places his trust in his Father.

In our world fame, fortune, and power are fleeting. Only the love and mercy of God is constant.

As we come to the end of our Lenten journey, we see a world in turmoil; viruses, climate change, political uncertainty, and fear are prevalent. Let us practice God's gifts of kindness, generosity, and love to bring his kingdom on earth to all those we meet in our daily lives.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Archdiocese has issued the following guidelines for celebration of the Anointing of the Sick until further notice.

“Under the State’s exemption for essential services, the Archdiocese of Chicago is including Anointing of the Sick as an essential service. However, **out of an abundance of caution only a select number of priests will be allowed to administer this sacrament to any confirmed COVID-19 patients until further notice.** When a request is made for a priest to administer this sacrament, the priest must inquire if the ill person is a confirmed COVID-19 patient.

- **If no**, the priest may proceed under the following guidelines.
- The priest must maintain social distance with everyone present so as to offer comfort without making physical contact.
 - The priest must wash or sanitize his hands with soap and warm water both before entering the room and after leaving.
 - The anointing must be done with a cotton-tipped swab or a cotton ball which will be burned or buried after use.
 - Bleach wipes or soap and water will be used to sanitize all supplies both before and after the anointing.
 - If the sacrament is celebrated in a health care facility, the priest must follow the protocols and protective guidelines of that facility.
- **If yes**, the family must be notified that, due to guidelines set forth by the archdiocese to ensure everyone’s health, another priest must take the call and that the family will be contacted by that priest. Explain to the family members that out of an abundance of caution **only a select number of our priests are allowed to administer this sacrament to any confirmed COVID-19 patients until further notice.** (4 priests will be designated priests in each Vicariate who are under age 60 and in good health). These priests will follow special precautions established by the Archdiocese.”

CHRISTIAN BURIALS

The Archdiocese has issued the following guidelines for funeral services and burials until further notice.

“Burials at Catholic Cemeteries may continue and are not suspended at this time; however, attendance limit and social distancing requirements apply per below. Please note that our churches are still closed; therefore, funeral Masses are not possible.

However, if a family requests a funeral, there are two options:

1. A funeral service, not a Mass, may take place at the funeral home
 - a. the limit for attendees remains 10 people at this time (inclusive of the funeral director, priest, mourners, etc.)
 - b. All attendees must practice social distancing
2. A funeral service may take place graveside at the cemetery before committal/burial.
 - a. the limit for attendees remains 10 people at this time (inclusive of the funeral director, priest, mourners, etc.)
 - b. All attendees must practice social distancing”

Please note that the family can plan to celebrate a Funeral Mass at the church once restrictions have been lifted, even when the burial already has occurred.

RECONCILIATION WHILE CHURCHES ARE CLOSED

The Archdiocese has provided the following information regarding celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation while churches are closed.

“Individual confessions are currently not possible; this includes virtual or phone confessions, which are never permissible, nor drive-thru confessions. Despite the good intentions around such novelty, we must attend to our underlying theological tradition of the sacrament, as well as support the stay-at-home order and its intended purpose – to keep people safe in their homes at this time. In keeping with longstanding pastoral practice when penitents’ access to the sacrament is restricted, they can be assured that their sins are forgiven if they make an act of contrition with a firm resolve to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the stay-at-home order is lifted. The faithful should be encouraged to pray particular prayers or meditate on passages of the bible ... to assist them in seeking the mercy and forgiveness of God and the grace of reconciliation.”

I suggest the parables in Chapter 15 of Luke’s gospel.

An update from the Parish Finance Council

Your parish Finance Council creatively faced the challenge of meeting in person while respecting social distancing. They recently “gathered” via Zoom regarding the impact of current events on the parish operations and budget. Here is a message from them to our SFX community:

Our prayers are with the members of our parish and of the world as we face the challenges presented by this unprecedented global health event. We are so grateful for those of you who have committed to steward your parish with your time in prayers and giving of treasure, especially over the past few weeks when we have not been able to gather in person in our Church family – your support is invaluable as we navigate the uncertain waters ahead. We hope that you will find strength and comfort in our weekly online Mass and Holy Week liturgies, and we look forward to the day when we can all come together again in our Church home. In the meantime, if you have not done so and your circumstances permit, we ask you to consider a donation of any size to defray the ongoing expense of operating the parish and fulfilling our mission.

Peace be with you,

*Don Abbs, Mike Bruni, Jennifer Driscoll, Mary Pat Flaherty,
Rob Metzger, Jim Owen, and Meredith Ritchie*

Three ways to give:

- Please visit our website (sfxlg.org) and click on Donate Online
- Text SUNDAY to 708-340-6630 for regular Sunday offertory and/or text EASTER to the same number for Easter offertory
- Drop off your envelopes in the mail slot at the rectory or mail them into 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525



Financial Notes

Our Sunday basket collection averaged \$12,000 **per week** through the end of February. During the first two Sundays of closure, Sunday basket collection averaged about \$2,000 per week.

The parish receives about \$65,000 **each month** in electronic offertory.

The offertory budget for Easter is \$80,000. Due to the timing of bulletin deadlines, we will report on March results in mid-April.

Ringing of the Church Bells

Because some churches do not have bells, we ask parishioners to set their alarms so that they can stop for a moment to join in this common prayer.

Beginning Saturday, March 21, the prayers and intentions for each hour of prayer are below:



9:00 a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill.

Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

12:00 p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick.

Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

3:00 p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers.

Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

6:00 p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders.

Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

9:00 p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today.

Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Sharing The Light

Leave a light/candle shining in your front window each night:



- for those who are traveling to get home safely;
- for those who are ill, to recover;
- for those who are lonely, to see friendship;
- for those in fear, to see a sign of comfort;
- for researchers, caregivers and all working night/day for our safety, to be strengthened by the warmth of gratitude

I will be putting a light in my window.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to
receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.

I embrace You as if
You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.

Amen.



Sew...We Need Your Help!

If you can sew, we need your help! Disposable face masks are in short supply and fabric masks can help our healthcare workers and senior citizens. There are many designs online but simple is best. The instructions below for a simple mask can be adapted depending on what you have available. Tightly woven cotton fabric is best. If you don't have flannel for the lining, use two layers of cotton fabric. If you don't have elastic, use bias tape or fabric to edge the short end of the mask and make 10-12" ties on each corner.



A collection box has been placed in the vestibule of the Oak Lawn Village Hall by the police desk on the west side of the building. The address of the Village Hall is:
9446 Raymond Avenue
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Please put your completed masks in a plastic bag and drop them in the box. They will be distributed as needed to local health care providers, nursing homes, etc.

For any questions please email community.mask.initiative@gmail.com
Dig into your fabric stash and be creative! Happy sewing!

Since many stores will be mandatory closed, fabric can be purchased at Walmart, Amazon or mail order from Joann Fabrics.

How to make a Face Mask

Materials Needed:

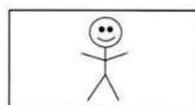
Fabric 1 - Cotton Fabric

Fabric 2 - Cotton or Flannel for the backing

1/8" Flat elastic (If you don't have elastic, use bias tape or fabric to edge the short end of the mask and make 10-12" ties on each corner.)

1. Put right sides of cotton fabric together.
2. Cut 9" x 6"
3. Starting along one of the 9" sides from about 3 inches from the corner, begin sewing the bottom edge, sew to the first corner, stop. Place the elastic into the corner and sew back and forth a couple of times to make sure it is secure.
4. Continue sewing along the 6" side and stop before the corner. Bring the other end of that same elastic to the corner and sew back and forth a couple of times.
5. Next sew across the top of the mask to the next corner. Again put the elastic in the corner and sew back and forth.
6. Continue sewing to the next corner and place the elastic into the corner and sew back and forth.
7. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5" to 2" open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn in-side out.
8. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are the same direction.
9. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.

Be sure the fabric design is place horizontally.



RIGHT



What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Support from Youth Ministry

Looking for some good prayer resources? Family faith-based activities? A pen pal? If there is anyway Youth Ministry can help support you (teens and parents) during this time, please reach out and let us know! Contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org.

Follow the Parish on Social Media!

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



@sfxlg_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL



The Well Spirituality Center
1515 Ogden Avenue in
LaGrange Park

FYI, in response to coronavirus precautionary measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, The Well programs are suspended for the period between March 11-March 28.

Please see our website for a full listing of our NEW 2020 programs and to register:
www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Parish Food Pantry Ministry

The parish Food Pantry Ministry continues to operate on **Tuesdays 9:30-11am**. We will update hours of operation as circumstances warrant. To maintain safe distances, we are offering guests pre-packed bags and drive-thru service.

Volunteers

We appreciate all the volunteer offers but are currently limiting our small crew to staff and their family members. We look forward to welcoming back all our volunteers!

Food Donations

Mondays 9am-Noon. Nonperishable items (canned soup, vegetables, fruit, beans, chicken, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, tomato sauce, rice, cereal and coffee & tea) can be dropped off at the Rectory side door (parking lot side). **Cereal and items for hot beverages are especially appreciated.**

Monetary Donations

We make large purchases through the Greater Chicago Food Depository, including meat, fresh produce and bread at discounted prices.

Monetary donations can be made via:

Parish Give Central - click link below

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/5199>

Text **PANTRY** to **708-340-6630** for directions to contribute via Give Central.

A check made payable to SFX Food Pantry and dropped off through the Rectory mail slot or mailed to 124 North Spring LaGrange, IL 60525.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Knights of Columbus Spring Food Drive Has Been Cancelled



The Spring Food Drive is cancelled. We regret the decision and necessity. We may be able to reschedule at a later date as circumstances continue to evolve and will keep you posted.

The LaGrange Knights of Columbus www.MyFoodDrive.org/?LGKofC2020 is up and running for online donations to the Chicago Food Depository. The need is always great and even more so now in our present difficulties.

Be well. Be hopeful.
Be connected to family and friends.
This, too, shall pass.



Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Sgt. David T. Benson**—son of Linda & Charles Benson
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **1st Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam
- **PFC Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Kathi & Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack
and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Capt. Richard Hoover, U.S. Army**—nephew of Lorraine Donegan
- **Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army**—cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...
and please let us know when friends and loved ones
return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm
 Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
 Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm
 Sunday.....9:00 am-1:00 pm

Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church

Sunday-Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
 Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
 Saturday afternoon.....4:00-5:00 pm
 The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-Noon
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
 LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, from the Claret Center can be reached by phone 312-884-9879 or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.

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